

Mint of the United States

Philada Oct 26th 85-

Hon. Daniel M. Fox Esq
Supr U.S. Mint

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Very respectfully Yours
 Saml A Burns Plumber

Report on Water Closets in the Mint at Philadelphia

Story	No.	Kind, and name of manufacture	Long or short hoppers	Condition
Basement		8 Water Closets	4 long 4 short	very bad
1 st Story				
2nd Story		4 Demarest Closets		middling
3rd Story				
4 th Story				
Remarks		See accompanying communication		

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[Enclosed chart:]

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